

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2446 without my signature.

This bill creates new funding pressures for limited bond funds at a time when existing bond funds for new school construction and modernization projects are insufficient to meet existing known needs.

Under current law, if demand for joint-use projects is less than existing available bond funds, those funds can be redirected for new school construction and modernization projects. Instead of expanding the projects eligible for joint-use funding, it is more important that the funds are available to ensure that sufficient school buildings are available for existing student needs.

The state's commitment to eliminate overcrowded classrooms, such as those used for Concept 6 school calendars is a high priority, and I believe the state should make that a higher priority than to expand the use of existing school bond funds for parks and preschool facilities.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger